Parthenium by florists in preparation of a bouquet. However, Parthenium is known to cause allergy to some people.

(c) Central Government have advised States/UTs to undertake the following steps to get rid of Parthenium :

(i) Physical removal of the weed.

(ii) Blanket spray of Paraquat and Diuron or Atrazine as pre-emergence spray to check the emergence of Parthenium.

(iii) Foliar spray of 15% common salt or 2, 4-D on young plants and Paraquat on older plants.

Eradication of Foot and Mouth Diseases among the Cattle

4314. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what measures have been taken to control and eradicate the foot and mouth diseases to the cattle in the country; and

(b) the details of amount allocated and released so far to Karnataka for control and eradication of foot and mouth disease, during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) Foot and Mouth Disease is endemic in India and the State Governments are responsible to control the disease. Government of India supplements the efforts of State Governments by way of providing central assistance under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely "Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases". Under the Foot and Mouth Disease Control component of the scheme there is a provision to vaccinate susceptible high yielding indigenous, exotic and cross breed cattle belonging to weaker section of the society. Cost of the vaccine is shared between Central Government, State Government and the beneficiary on 25-25-50 basis. In case of Union Territories the cost of the vaccine is shared between Central Government and the beneficiary on 50:50 basis.

(b) An amount of Rs. 65.00 lakhs and Rs. 27.83 lakhs have been released to the Government of Karnataka for control of Foot and Mouth Disease during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, respectively. During 2001-2002 against an allocation of Rs. 40.00 lakhs Rs. 32.00 lakhs has been released so far.